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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAI DO RE
PRESIDENTIAL RESIGNATION

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT
BY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAI DO ISSUED AUGUST 9 IN
RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION SPEECH:
BEGIN TEXT

2. WITH ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY OF PRESIDENT NIXON,
EXPRESSING HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN, MR. GERALD R. FORD
IS TO BECOME THIRTY-EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

3. MR. FORD IS ASSUMING PRESIDENCY IN IMPORTANT
PERIOD FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FOR WORLD
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAPAN PLACE GREAT EXPECTATIONS
ON SUPERB LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATED BY HIM IN HIS
YEARS AS MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE AND AS VICE PRESIDENT.
THERE IS, BASICALLY, NOT LIKELY TO BE MAJOR CHANGE IN
FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING POLICIES
TOWARDS JAPAN, AND KEYNOTE OF MAINTENANCE AND
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DEVELOPMENT OF WORLDPEACE BASED ON THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM

AND DEMOCFACY IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. JAPAN, FOR ITS PART, WISHES TO WORK TOWARDS FURTHERING OF FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AS BEFORE, AND TO CONTRIBUTE, IN COOPRATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF WORLD.

4. OVER PERIOD OF ORE THAN FIVE AND A HALF YEARS SINCE HIS ASSUMPTION OF PRESIDENCY IN JANUARY 1969, MR. NIXON HAS MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF WORLD THROUGH HIS POSITIVE FOREIGN POLICIES BY WORKING TO STRENGTHEN UNITY OF FREE WORLD AND BY OPENING WAY FOR DIALOGUES WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HE HAS ALSO MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND UNITED STATES, AND HAS PLAYED A GREATROLE IN RESOLVING PENDING PROBLEMS IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES INCLUDING, NOTABLY, REVERSION OF OKINAWA. ON OCCASION OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY, WE WISH TO RENEW OUR RESPECT TO MR. NIXON FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS. END TEXT
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